

## EVA'S CREW HAS TALE OF WOE FOR BRITISH CONSUL

Only Three Left of Fifteen  
Who Shipped for a Four  
Months' Cruise.

REST GLAD TO DESERT.

Survivors Say They Were  
Beaten, Fined and Put  
in Irons.

The crew of the British steamship *Eva* headed by Bill Koerner, able seaman, and Elmer Gruge, the cook, appeared before Vice-Consul Thurston, at the British Consulate, in this city today and made formal charges of brutality against their first mate and captain, which they were compelled to endure, his alleged, during a trip lasting four months.

The Vice-Consul heard the testimony of both sides and, after a conference with the complainants and accused, adjourned the hearing pending a further investigation.

Brutality at the hands of a ferocious mate, frequently set-to with a militant skipper and appeals for relief to consuls in various ports, figure in the story as it was told to an Evening World reporter on board the *Eva* after she had docked at Arkville's Stores, foot of Jay street, Brooklyn, this morning.

The *Eva* had just completed the last leg of a roundabout voyage when she arrived from Cienfuegos, her last port before heading for New York. She flies the British flag, her home port being Isle of Trinidad. Her Yankee skipper, Capt. H. R. Swift, refused either to deny or affirm his sailors' yarn.

"I am very glad to see reporters," he said, "but what I do at sea on my ship is my own business."

The treatment received at the hands of the captain and his officer during the early part of the voyage was so severe, the men declare, that of the original crew of fifteen men forward only three stuck to receive their pay today for the entire voyage. They are Seamen William Koerner and James Holstrus, and Mate, Boy Frank Simpson.

Down in the grimy hold of the old tramp, Bill Koerner, twenty-three years old and an able sea lawyer, stood surrounded by his mates, who now and again vigorously punctuated the recital with terms in corroboration of it and declared that nothing could influence them to desert until the British Consul had heard their tales of woe.

Seven Cooks in Fifteen Days.  
"Well," began Koerner, after his mates had agreed that he should act as spokesman, "we sailed from Port Amboy on Oct. 29 last, in ballast bound to Philadelphia. Trouble began there because the cook didn't suit our skipper, and while we lay in port for fifteen days loading coal for Newport News, we had seven different cooks on board. We finally got under way with Elmer Gruge, who shipped in the double job of steward and cook, for which he was to receive the wages of both, \$15 a month."

"On the way up to Newport News, the mate, Mr. Frank, showed himself to be a bad one. He was big and burly and set into the men on the slightest provocation. In Newport News we got a lawyer, who laid our complaints before the British Consul and later took the matter into the courts, but all the satisfaction we got out of it was to be sent back to the ship and be lodged in the brig, fined \$10 apiece. That was a bum lawyer."

"Then we sailed for St. Thomas. On the trip down the mate got in trouble with the firemen, although he is not supposed to boss them at all. He punished one poor fellow named Fred Egan on so badly that he was laid up for five days. When we reached St. Thomas three firemen went ashore to complain to the British Consul. This was just before the vessel was to sail, but the captain had them arrested and held in jail five hours. Then when they got back on board they were lodged in the brig."

"While in St. Thomas the old man wanted me to take the cabin boy's place. Jimmy, the boy, he said, had bolted with \$20. I didn't ship for that work and told him so. Then he put me in irons and kept me locked up in a room in the cabin for twenty-three hours."

Fined Cook Gruge 16 Days' Pay.  
"Just before sailing the captain declared that the cook had put milk instead of cream in his tea, and set out to give him a thrashing. The cook went ashore to ask protection from the Consul, and when he got back at ten o'clock that night the skipper lodged him fourteen days' pay. The next morning, because the cook failed to turn up for work six o'clock, he was logged two days' pay. This sort of thing kept up, until now, after a four months' voyage, Elmer, the cook, has less than one month's pay coming to him. That is one of the things we want the Consul to straighten out."

"When we were two days out to sea on that run back to Newport News the captain tackled the cook again, branding his face pretty badly and then put him in irons for five days. Then he took me aft to cook. About all I could make was soup, and I gave him plenty of food. He got tired of my bill of fare and took another sailor into the galley. He was worse; nearly poisoned us all by pouring coal oil into the cracker. The only thing I did was to tell the old man didn't feel half a bit of it. I don't know. He only threw him out of the galley. That shortened Elmer's term in irons. Because the captain wanted decent grub again. That day we had a big feast. Cake and pie was served in honor of the return of the cook."

All but Three Deserted.  
"We returned to St. Thomas again after we had been back to Newport

News, and by that time all the men were so sore that what was left of the original crew for that desertion but three. We determined to stick and tell our story to the Consul here and see if he wouldn't stand by us.

"The last time in St. Thomas the poor cook had his troubles again. A new steward was shipped, and Elmer was told that he must serve as cook only. In that case, Elmer declared, it was not his place to bake bread. The question was taken ashore to the Consul and the result was that Elmer was put in jail for five days and told that he must bake the bread, but the new steward must make it.

"I think that was trouble enough for one voyage, and it'll be the last in that old tub for me."

"But he didn't tell you about the rats, Mr. Reporter," spoke up sixteen-year-old Frank Simpson, the mess boy, who had been silent up to this point.

"Why the rats was so thick in the forecastle that you'd think you was going into a menagerie. We had a cat on board that eat so many she died. Why some of them rats was bigger'n wild cats and had tails long as marlin spikes. And their squeal was like the howl of a tom cat. Ain't it so, mates?"

The crew agreed.

## POLICE SEIZE TRUNK AS CLUE IN CHICAGO PLOT

Books and Papers of Anarchist  
Suspect Bear Names of  
New York Concerns.

CHICAGO, March 5.—Continuing their efforts to connect the attempted assassination of Chief of Police George M. Shippy last Monday with an Anarchistic plot, the police early today raided a rooming house at No. 76 Johnson street and seized a trunk full of property belonging to Harry Goldstein, one of the alleged Anarchists now under arrest.

The trunk when opened was found to contain more than fifty books in the Hebrew language, Jewish newspapers and other Jewish literature were also in the trunk. The police believe that Goldstein took the trunk to the rooming house in an effort to prevent its contents from getting into the possession of the authorities.

One of the books was written in English. It was entitled "What Socialism Means: How to End Panic or An Address to the Poor People," published by the Anarchists' Federation of America, Box 4, Station D, New York City. Papers showing that Goldstein had purchased books from M. Maisei, No. 422 Grand street, New York, were also found. The literature was turned over to Chief of Police Shippy and Assistant Chief Schuyler.

Harry Shippy, the chief's son, who was shot while aiding his father to fight off the would-be assassin, Averbuch, now has a good chance of recovery.

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